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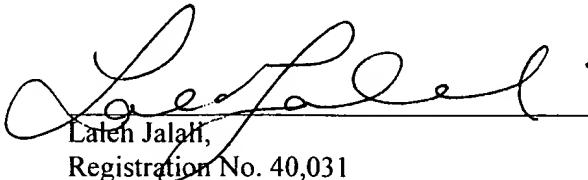
Pursuant to having received the Notice of Allowance mailed on January 21, 2004, it has come to Applicant's attention that the PTO Form 1449 filed in an Information Disclosure Statement on March 12, 2001 has not been initialed/returned to Applicant by the Examiner.

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 and stamped receipt postcard referred to above are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

It is respectfully requested that the PTO Form 1449 mentioned above be initialed by the Examiner and returned to Applicant's representative as soon as possible.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4296 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) and in conformance with the procedures under §1.97 and 1.98, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the attached references to the attention of the Examiner. The references are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. A copy of the references listed on the PTO Form 1449 is also enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the references submitted herewith be considered and made of record in the present application, and thus, appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This IDS is being submitted at the time of filing the application, and is therefore being made under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1) and no fee is believed to be necessary. If, however, any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 11-0600 (Kenyon & Kenyon).

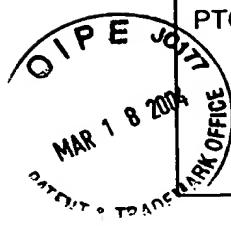
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